Our Excellence Award

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award recognizes the legacy of our founder Melvin Jones. It is the highest service award a Lion can achieve, an honor much larger than a recognition. The award honors those who model humanitarian ideals and who have given outstanding service to their club and the community it serves. Their efforts are recognized with a $1,000 donation to the Lions Club International Foundation. Lions Club districts, clubs and individuals can donate to LCIF through the Melvin Jones Fellowship, but only an individual who has given exemplary service can receive the award.

Melvin Jones Award recipient Pioneer Lion Ron Stoppler.

What a team! Lions Doug and Dolly Harvey receive the award together in 2014.

The Pioneer Lions named on this page are the recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellowship honor throughout the history of our club. Perhaps you recognize some of their names, or have known some of these outstanding Lions.

1988 – George Morey
1989 – James McKercher
1991 – Thomas Hinshaw
          Stuart Wasser
1993 – Ernest J. Kuntz
1994 – George E. Moore
1995 – Jim Reinecke
          Michael Parker
1996 – David H. Dowling
          Ross Glover
1997 – Gilbert H. White
          George A. Brackett
          Harold L. Palmer
2000 – Charles Price
2001 – Malcolm MacDonald
2003 – Clarence Gauthier
          Donald S. Peck
2005 – Ronald A. Staggs
2006 – Frank P. Brown
          Joe A. Johnson
          John R. Patten
2007 – Phil Olson
          Greg Firth
2008 – Terry Woodruff
          Mark Koelsch
          John Claypool
          Brandt Boswell
          Donald Britt
          Ralph Young
          Tom Riffe
          Raymond Strange

2009 – Erik O. Guttormsen
          Lloyd V. Inman
2011 – Milton A. Hansen
          Duaine Smith
2012 – Steve H. Patterson
2013 – Burton Gravelle
          Steve Johnston
          Robert Heideman
          Walt Specht
          Marie Specht
2014 – Doug A. Harvey
          Dolly CL Harvey
          Ruth Morill
          Gary Hill
          Ron Stoppler
2015 – Dick Sorenson
2016 – Thomas E. Little
          Patrick J. Palmer
2017 – Cindy M. Sessions
          Michael P. Firth
2018 – Kenneth R. Botero
          Marne Botero
          Harold L. Malone
          Greg Swanson
          Patricia Parker
          Marilyn Patterson
          Rex O. Boswell
2020 – James (Jim) L. Waters EdD